

REPUBLICANS HAVE OPENED THE BATTLE

(From Sunday's Advertiser)

The Republican club meetings last night to nominate delegates to the County Convention to be voted for at the primaries next Saturday were largely attended, and for the most part enthusiastic. Of course, there were some precinct fights. There always are. The clubs would not be in healthy condition, if there was no fighting. Indeed, the club is the party safety-valve, and fights are taken there and settled, so that there may be a clean and united party at the polls on election day.

And from the number of men placed in nomination for delegates, as compared to the number of delegates to be elected, it is apparent that there will be something doing in the primaries next Saturday. In only one precinct, so far as heard from, did the club choose barely enough to fill the delegation, and it was said last night that there would be a protest. However, the majority of the club named the ticket, and under the American system the majority rules.

It is rather difficult, at this stage of the game, to get a line on the effect of last night's work upon the fortunes of any candidate for any office. One thing that was apparent, however, was that Louis Marks was making a strong fight for Supervisor from Honolulu. He went into the ninth precinct of the Fifth District and put up a ticket of his own, and will carry the fight into the primaries. And Marks himself has been nominated for delegate from his own precinct.

As far as anything was determinative last night, it is said by the politicians that Clarence Crabbe is in the lead for the shrievalty. This, however, is only the view of one side. The primaries are still to be won and lost, and the primaries elect the delegates. Possibly nobody is in a position to do any shouting, yet.

One thing, however, was shown. The Republicans are not inclined to lose any tricks in the political game by waiting for a judicial determination of the status of the County Act. If the act is valid, then the party is in position to make the fight. If the act is invalid, nothing has been lost by getting ready. The turnout of voters last night showed that party interest is keenly alive, and down Kakaako way there was a notable accession to the ranks of the party in the person of the late candidate for Representative on the Democratic ticket, a man who for five years has fought the Republican party, and who now signs the precinct club roll with the admission that for five years he has been on the wrong side. And he is one of the most influential Hawaiians in the district.

The results of last night's caucuses, so far as they have been reported, follow:

FOURTH DISTRICT.

FIRST PRECINCT, FOURTH DISTRICT.

There was a large attendance. Sam M. Kanaokani was chairman and S. K. Kamalopili secretary. The following twenty-one candidates were nominated, eight to be elected:

T. P. Cummins, W. C. Roe, Jas. H. Boyd, Chas. Lewis, A. M. Brown, Robt. Pahau, J. W. Iona, J. W. K. Kekiki, Jas. Merseberg, Isaac Harbottle, M. S. Kauai, Isaac Noar, Jas. L. Holt, S. K. Kamalopili, Duke Kahanamoku, A. F. Clark, S. M. Kanaokani, C. J. Falk, Geo. W. Macy, Sol. Kauai, Henry Merseberg.

SECOND OF FOURTH.

There were sixty voters present at the meeting of the Second precinct of the Fourth district. The nominees were A. H. Smith, C. M. V. Forster, A. W. Aylett, Frank Kruger, Q. H. Berrey, C. H. Cooke, J. S. Walker, J. P. Soper, Harry Murray, G. P. Wilder, Charles Crane, J. A. Gilman, Hiram Koloimoku, John Waterhouse, Joseph Richards, Norman Watkins, C. M. White, J. A. Hughes, A. Hocking, Clifford Kimball, George C. Sea, St. C. Sayers, M. K. Cooke and Henry Kaal.

There are ten delegates to be elected in the precinct. Under suspension of the rules the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the demand of the people of this Territory for high standards in the public schools should receive the careful consideration of the legislature now in session. And the appropriations should be made sufficiently liberal to enable the schools to be maintained in the highest state of efficiency.

Resolved, That the salaries of teachers should be restored to the sums paid prior to the special session of the legislature at which the twenty per cent reduction was made.

FOURTH OF FOURTH.

There were about one hundred and twenty-five voters at the meeting of the Fourth precinct of the Fourth district. E. W. Quinn was chairman and A. D. Castro was secretary. The following were nominated: Colonel Sam Parker, C. L. Crabbe, W. L. Emory, E. E. Hartman, A. H. Moore, W. W. Carlisle, Albert Lucas, E. P. O'Brien, E. C. Peters, Sam Kamakau, A. D. Castro, A. V. Peters, John Marcellino, Edward Woodward, H. C. Mossman, J. L. McDonald, J. H. McPherson, Dan Vida, Fred B. Angus, Benito Guerrero, Bernard Atwood.

There are twelve to be elected to the convention. A resolution was passed petitioning the legislature to restore the salaries of teachers in the public schools.

FIFTH OF FOURTH.

There was the usual enthusiasm characteristic of Kakaako at the meeting of the Fifth precinct of the Fourth district, there being one hundred and twenty voters present. There were many speeches, Senator Hayselden and Prince Liliuokalani being among the talkers. Mr. Lauke, Democratic candidate for representative at the last election, signed the club roll and declared that after fighting against it for five years he had come to the conclusion that the Republican party was the best. Sam Johnson presided at the meeting, and Frank Cooke was secretary, and among the distinguished visitors present was Senator Hayselden.

of Maui.

The following delegates were nominated: Captain Sam Johnson, Charles Koster, W. Kailimal, Peter Baron, Prince Liliuokalani, Bert Sharet, Jack Belser, Tom Kakalia, Robert Ahuna, E. K. Rathburn, I. Nauha, Mike Harvey, Charles Olo, William Bush. There are nine delegates to be elected.

A resolution favoring liberal appropriation for the public school was passed, and refreshments were served to the voters.

SIXTH OF FOURTH.

The meeting of the Republican Club of the Sixth precinct of the Fourth district was presided over by the Chairman of the Club, Lorin Andrews. Secretary J. J. Hughes was at the desk and forty-two voters of the precinct were present. The meeting was most harmonious, and on motion of Mr. J. Fox the following ticket was placed in the field, to be voted for at the primaries:

Lorin Andrews, J. Fox, C. Murasky, C. A. Yarrick, W. Stansbury, C. K. Quinn, W. F. Drake, H. Kruger, D. J. Rooney, H. Klemme, James J. Hughes. There will be no contest at the primaries in this precinct, there being eleven to be elected.

EIGHTH OF FOURTH.

There was a rousing meeting in the Eighth precinct of the Fourth district and the following gentlemen were placed in nomination, nine to be elected:

Carlos A. Long, Charles Hustace Jr., C. W. Ziegler, L. Schwartz, T. H. Petrie, Edwin Hughes, C. H. W. Norton, Charles Crozier, E. A. Long, F. B. Damon, T. J. King, A. T. Brock, C. G. Ballentyne, W. J. Karrant, C. L. Beak, H. C. Pfuger, W. H. Thornton, J. A. Johnson, E. J. Lord, F. E. Thompson.

NINTH OF FOURTH.

There was an enthusiastic meeting in the Ninth precinct of the Fourth district, about fifty voters being present. The following were nominated: Dick Panawea, J. C. Quinn, J. K. Kealoha, R. E. Lockwood, George Kawai, G. E. Smithies, W. H. Newlands, Charles Lake, Henry Kane, Henry C. Birbe Jr. There are seven to be elected. The following resolution was passed:

Whereas, the party, in its platform, declared in positive terms for the maintenance of the public schools of the Territory according to the highest standard of efficiency.

Resolved, that the members of this precinct club call upon their representatives in both Houses of the legislature to shape the appropriation bills in such manner that the teachers of the public schools shall be paid in accordance with the importance of their work.

TENTH OF FOURTH.

The Tenth precinct of the Fourth district elects eight delegates, and of fifty-eight voters present at last night's meeting, thirty were placed in nomination, as follows:

W. W. Harris, George Makalena, J. K. Umoo, Kalalpehu, John Paaluhl, E. G. Keen, Ed. Towse, S. F. Chillingworth, J. W. Cathcart, J. E. Keama, Louis Marks, Charles Kamoa, J. R. Silva, M. Noa, Moepano, Manuel Rosa, F. Andrade, J. Nott Jr., W. C. Weedon, Wm. Thompson, Antonio Kanho, W. E. Fisher, E. Bufendean, A. A. Montano, J. Vivichaves, Kekahio, Charles Girdler, H. Johnston, C. F. Clemons, Henry Davis.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

There was a rousing big meeting in

SUPERCARGO WASHED OVERBOARD FROM SCHOONER WOODBURY

U. S. S. Iroquois and Sailing Vessel Part Company in Gale Off Kauai and Tug Puts Into Eleele For Repairs.

Another disaster has been added to the long list which have attended the development of Midway Island, 1200 miles to westward of Honolulu. News was conveyed to Honolulu yesterday from Kauai by purser Brumaghim of the Inter-Island steamer Nihau, to the effect that in a gale off the Kauai coast, the United States tug Iroquois and the American schooner Charles Levi Woodbury, which was being towed to Midway by the former, had parted company, and that an American named Clark, supercargo of the Woodbury, had been washed overboard and lost.

Purser Brumaghim reports that the steamer Mikahala at 7 o'clock on the morning of Friday, May 5, sighted the Iroquois showing signals of distress, two miles off Nawiliwili Head. The Mikahala steamed up to the Iroquois and learned from Captain Niblack that the splice in the hawser had parted at 9:30 p. m. on the night of the 4th of May and the vessels had parted company in the gale then raging. The schooner had drifted away in the darkness and was not in sight when the Mikahala spoke the Iroquois.

The Iroquois, however, had steamed about and had hauled the Woodbury and the masters of the two vessels agreed to meet each other again off Nawiliwili head at 7 a. m.

The Iroquois put into Eleele for some slight repairs, and at 11 a. m. Friday put to sea again and picked up the Woodbury. A new hawser was passed between the vessels and the long tow to Midway, via Laysan Island was begun again.

While making sail after the hawser had parted, Mr. Clark was washed overboard. He was lost sight of quickly and although a close watch was kept nothing was seen of him again.

TALK OF REVISION OF ELECTION LAWS

It is Said That Governor Carter Has n it His Mind to Name a Commission in Near Future.

It is said that Governor Carter has under consideration a plan to appoint a commission for a complete and thorough revision of the election laws after the adjournment of the Legislature. It will be remembered that the Governor, in his message, called the attention of the legislative body to this need, the laws being in far from satisfactory working condition, but nothing was done in this direction at the regular session—and, of course, nothing can be done at the extra session.

The matter, under the provisions of the Organic Act, is entirely within the province of the Governor, and it is said that the plan is to have the commission revise and codify the law, and then submit the result to Congress for action next December. In this way a good system, free from complications and nearly approximating the model California law, could be in working order in time for the next general election.

Under a revised election law, based on the California model and passed by Congress, there would be no need for any more election scandals. In fact, it was an attempt to appropriate and apply the California law which led to the trouble about the so-called numbered ballots. Ballots are numbered under the California system, but the numbers are torn off before the ballot is cast, in the sight of the voter, and there is not even a remote chance for identification. Also, the California electorate is different.

It is said, moreover, that the Governor is inclined to look with favor on the voting machine, which has been partially adopted in California and more generally in some States farther east, and found to work excellently. In fact, it is the simplest system, voting by the machine, and the votes are counted and the result known as soon as the polls are closed. The new machines are easily understood, and anybody can manipulate them.

All that, however, will be for Congress to settle—if the thing is passed up to Congress, as is now said to be the intention.

The Seventh precinct of the Fifth district, the old fighting spirit of the precinct making itself manifest.

The following were nominated: S. Mahelona, J. Fern, William K. Rathburn, J. Paulo, J. K. Kauai, D. Kamakauha, J. Kaloala, E. J. Crawford, P. M. Nalua, J. Kalana, J. Kahalekaula, John K. Inch, S. Paawela, Alapal, Kabeenanui, Sam. Paulo, J. M. Keanu, Makakoa, John K. Kaeeae. There are six to be elected.

EIGHTH OF FIFTH.

To elect eight delegates from the Eighth precinct of the Fifth district, the following were placed in nomination: N. Fernandez, William Olepau, Harry Kahale, A. S. Kaleopu, Sam. C. Dwight, Henry Napua, Noah Kauhan, S. M. Pulehu, S. K. Kanalu, Naki, Kawehi, J. L. Aholo, D. Kama, J. Kapono, Lot K. Lane, William Laa, Maunakea-u, Hoopli, Anton Fernandez.

NINTH OF FIFTH.

Louis Marks, who is making a strong fight for the nomination as one of the

Ever since the bark "Wandering Minstrel," commanded by Capt. Walker, now of Honolulu, was wrecked on Midway Isle in the late 80's, there has been a series of marine disasters to record in connection with the work of making the lonely sand island into an important cable base. When the Pacific Cable Company began its work, vessels were sent there with supplies and materials. The schooner Julia Whalen, of Marcus Island fame, was wrecked on the island and all the cargo lost. Other vessels have had mishaps. The schooner Kennedy was recently wrecked and lost on Laysan while en route to Midway with supplies. The cable steamer Scotia, en route to Midway with a year's supplies, was wrecked on the island of Guam, and all the cargo lost. Steamers with materials for either the cable people or the guard of United States marines have been unable at times to land the freight owing to storms prevailing in that region. And now comes the story of trouble on the present voyage of the Iroquois and Woodbury.

The vessels left Honolulu last Thursday. The Iroquois had a big cargo of supplies for the marines, and there were also two 7000 pound anchors on the forward deck which were to be used to anchor buoys in the lagoon. The Woodbury carried six cows, twenty sheep and several crates of chickens, and, altogether, there were 150 tons of general merchandise for the cable company aboard. Capt. Schlemmer, "King of Laysan Island," and his family are aboard the Woodbury. They are to be landed at Laysan and the vessels are then to proceed to Midway. On the Iroquois are cable operators Morrison and Cox. The Woodbury is to load guano at Laysan on her return from Midway, to be brought to Honolulu.

MERCHANTS NOT GOING

Shiozawa Denies Rumor About Flitting to Manchuria.

Editor Shiozawa of the Hawaii Shinpo declares that there is nothing in the rumor that Japanese merchants here contemplate pulling up stakes and removing to Manchuria and Korea. Before the publication of the rumor, its private circulation with some impress of authority had caused no small annoyance to some Japanese merchants. Talking to a reporter of the Advertiser, Mr. Shiozawa said:

"S. Ozaki, a Japanese merchant, is now out in Manchuria or Korea prospecting for himself. This is well known—it was in a Japanese newspaper—and to that extent alone is the rumor correct. If the sake decision had held good, Ozaki would have got \$50,000 of the refund. In that case he might close up his business here and go to Manchuria.

"Suga, another large merchant on King street, has closed out his provision department and is going into liquor entirely. He is in Japan now and his brother is keeping the store in his absence.

"Hamano, another large merchant, was reported to Q. H. Berrey as intending to close up and go to Manchuria. This is not true and has done Hamano a great deal of damage. His standing is very high in Japanese financial circles, yet on being apprised of the report a certain large house, with which he had dealings, called upon him for an explanation.

"The Japanese merchants here, it is true, are finding times hard. They are injuriously affected by the agricultural labor situation. People are going away to the mainland without paying their debts to the retail stores. This embarrasses some of the dealers.

"Business in consequence among the Japanese is not very good at present, but we have hopes that the law taxing emigration agents will have its intended effect, and that the American fever will shortly become abated."

Mr. Shiozawa was himself carried away by the rumor at first, he having been one of those consulted by the Advertiser reporter who wrote the previous article, but having made investigations he has come to the conclusion above related.

ASSESSOR SUSTAINED

As a result of its appeal to the Supreme Court, the Honolulu Rapid Transit and Land Co. loses the reduction of \$58,184.05 made by the Tax Appeal Court. The company returned its property at \$682,082.80. It was assessed by Assessor Holt at \$1,409,290, which the Tax Appeal Court reduced to \$1,351,015.95. An appeal was taken by the company as to excess over one million dollars. In the decision, entered by the clerk, it is stated that the Tax Appeal Court pursued the method which was held not to produce an excessive result in a former case of the same appellant. From the \$660,000, as market value of 8000 shares common stock, and the \$339,090, as market value of 3390 shares of preferred stock, making a total of \$999,090, the Tax Appeal Court made a deduction of 20 per cent, leaving \$799,272.00. It allowed a deduction of 5 per cent on \$610,000 bonds, which left a net total valuation of stock and bonds of \$1,378,760, from which deducting \$27,684.05 for material not in use a total assessment of \$1,351,015.95 is obtained, as shown above. The decision runs thus:

"The company set forth its property in its corporation exhibit of December 31, 1903, as of the value of \$1,692,267, including franchise and subsidies, \$530,000 but it contends that the amounts set forth in that exhibit are a mere matter of bookkeeping and do not represent actual values, and that the franchise has no taxable value. This corporation is young and had begun laying its street car tracks only a few years before and was apparently a growing concern. It had already become able to pay 6 per cent on its bonds, 6 per cent on its preferred stock, 4 per cent on its common stock, and lay aside considerable as a sinking fund to meet its bonds when they should become due and its stock when the franchise should expire twenty-six years thereafter.

"Per curiam. It does not appear that the assessment by the Tax Appeal Court was excessive. Twenty per cent was a liberal deduction to be made from the value at which the common stock stood in the market as indicated by ordinary sales in small lots. The Tax Appeal Court, however, made the same deduction from the market value of the preferred stock, which could hardly be considered as on the same footing with the common stock, and also allowed a deduction of five per cent from the bonds, although a purchaser would take the stock or property subject to the payment of the bonds in full at their maturity, and they stood above par in the market at the time. No special circumstances show that the assessment should be reduced. Assessment affirmed."

Castle & Withington for taxpayer; A. G. M. Robertson for assessor; Judge De Bolt sat in place of Justice Wilder with Chief Justice Frear and Justice Hartwell.

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THE PEOPLE TO SELECT THE COUNTY OFFICERS

Editor Advertiser: The Executive Committee of the Republican party should announce at once that it is the right of every voter at the primaries to elect delegates to the County Convention to write on his ballot the name of the person whom he desires to be nominated for the office of Sheriff of the county or any other office, so that the Republican voters of this country shall choose the nominees of the party and not the political bosses and manipulators. Let us get the best men we have in these Islands to commence with, or else we will soon establish that we are not prepared for responsible government.

This election will decide whether the people shall rule this Territory and the Republican party should see to it that the people shall be given their right to select the men who shall control the counties. There is no other way, and we demand it.

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